

Docket: 445099

REMARKS

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, and entry of this paper, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 16-25 and 36-55 are presently pending and have been allowed.

The specification has been amended at numerous locations for clarity, consistency, spelling, grammar, and/or to correct minor typographical errors.

In addition to the comments for amendments made immediately above, support for amendments made to paragraphs at page 23, lines 27-30, at page 23, line 31 to page 24, line 3, and, at page 24, lines 4-10, is shown in drawing figures 20, 21A and 21B (Figs. 20, 21A and 21B). Moreover, the amendments made to the paragraph at page 23, lines 27-30, more accurately describe the invention and Fig. 21A.

It is respectfully asserted that the aforementioned amendments are directed to formalities only and are not substantive. The aforementioned amendments do not require additional search or examination. These amendments resulted from a further review of the specification upon receiving the aforementioned Notice of Allowability, and therefore, were not earlier presented.

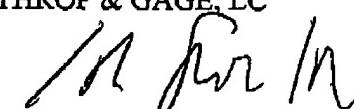
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this amendment, however, if it is determined that any fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, Applicants request that they be charged to Deposit Account 12-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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